



Take Pride in America® is a partnership program comprised of various organizations. Supporters represent associations, conservation and recreation organizations, and corporations that together contribute time, services and supplies to Take Pride projects. Federal agencies, states and cities help spread the message of Take Pride by localizing the program and engaging their employees and citizens in volunteerism. Take Pride appreciates all of the resources that the partners give by showcasing partner contributions on the website, in the newsletter and on special printed materials, such as programs for sponsored events.



The Bureau of Reclamation partnered with local businesses to sponsor a lake volunteer cleanup at Pope Creek Bridge, California.

SUPPORTERS

Supporters bring unique services and supplies to the Take Pride program. For example, supporters loan boats for waterway cleanups, sponsor receptions for award winners, reward volunteers with t-shirts, gift certificates, food and

special entertainment, and offer free seeds to plant gardens. Other supporters host employee work days to promote Take Pride, invite Take Pride to exhibit and speak at national conferences, place our logo on their materials such as t-shirts and litter bags, and prominently display our logo on their websites.



Above: The Good Sam Club sponsors an annual national cleanup and provides garbage bags for participants displaying the Take Pride and Good Sam Club logos.

Right: A child helping with clean up and restoration at BLM's Ruth Mine in California.



FEDERAL PARTNERS

The following Federal Departments and Agencies play an integral part in the success of Take Pride in America. Federal Partners include:

- Army Corps of Engineers**
- Bureau of Land Management**
- Bureau of Reclamation**
- National Park Service**
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**
- U.S. Forest Service**
- U.S. Geological Survey**

For more information on how to volunteer through these organizations, please visit the Take Pride website at www.TakePride.gov. We also encourage other Federal organizations to join in support of Take Pride in America.

BECOMING A PARTNER

Since each organization is different, the criteria for becoming a partner with Take Pride vary. To encourage as much participation as possible, Take Pride can tailor partnerships to each organization so the entire program benefits. Please contact the national office for more information about becoming a partner.

STATE PARTNERS

A bipartisan Council of Governors from all fifty states and Guam was formed in 2004 to encourage state involvement in Take Pride projects. Through their participation, Take Pride has gained a strong network which will help the program become an integral part of the American way of life. States are implementing their own "Take Pride" programs to show their support and better partner with local groups.



Above Volunteers work together on a planting project for Take Pride in America – Nebraska Day.

Right: Secretary of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection, Colleen Castille, participated in a clean up at Caladesi Island during the launch of Take Pride in Florida.

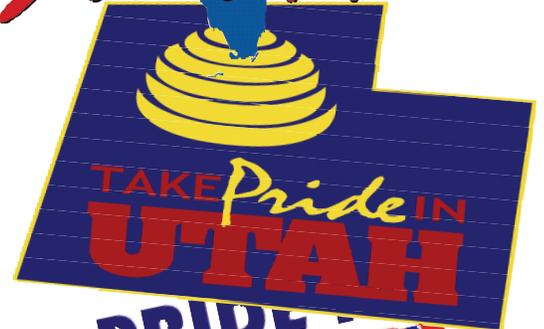
Additional state partners include elected officials from the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Congressional members are continuing to pledge their involvement for public land stewardship efforts within their states and districts. They also have the opportunity to present special awards to volunteer efforts hosted by organizations or individuals who they believe exemplify the goals and mission of Take Pride.

CITY PARTNERS

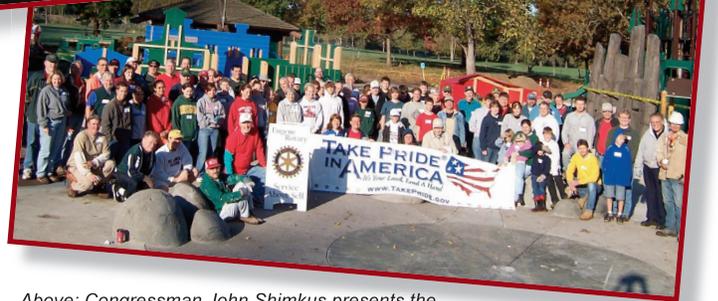
The Take Pride in America City program promotes volunteerism at the local level. Mayors of a Take Pride City pledge to host at least two Take Pride events each year, and encourage the expansion or creation of volunteer opportunities in the community to promote stewardship of public lands. They also participate in the annual National Take Pride in America Awards by nominating outstanding local projects and volunteers.



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Above: Congressman John Shimkus presents the Congressional Take Pride Appreciation Award to the Fayette County Girl Scouts for their work at Camp Marill in Vandalia, Illinois.

Below: Volunteers in Eugene, Oregon stand proud in front of a community playground built for Make A Difference Day in 2005. The City of Eugene began partnering with Take Pride in 2005.

BECOMING INVOLVED IN TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA

Elected officials from Capitol Hill to City Council are encouraged to become involved with Take Pride. Please contact our office for more information and to discuss how you can become a partner.